

The Hennys' Middleton and Twinstead Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING held on 23rd JANUARY 2017 at HENNY PARISH ROOM

Present: Parish Cllrs D Holland (Chairman), A Smart, A Scattergood, A Lyster, J Symonds, M Cracknell
1 member of public
District Cllr Wendy Scattergood

48. 2016/17 Apologies for absence

It was resolved to accept continued apologies from Cllr Humphreys; apologies were also accepted from Cllr Manby due to work commitments. County Cllr David Finch sent apologies due to attending another meeting.

49. 2016/17 Public Speaking

No comments.

50. 2016/17 Declarations of interest

Cllr Scattergood declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 7, planning, his wife being chairman of BDC planning committee.

Cllr Holland declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 9, being a representative of Babergh District Council for DV AONB & SVP.

District Cllr Wendy Scattergood declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 9, being a representative of Braintree District Council for DV AONB & SVP.

51. 2016/17 Approval of minutes

The minutes of the November PC meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman.

52. 2016/17 District/County Councillors' reports

District Cllr Wendy Scattergood reported that the BDC Local Plan had again been delayed as they were now working on garden communities; A120 routes were out for consultation; BDC have not finalised their budget yet; BDC have not used their new homes bonus yet; Cllr Scattergood had attended the launch of the extension of the DV AONB & SVP. Cllr Scattergood was thanked for her report and left the meeting (7:46pm)

53. 2016/17 Highways/Prow Maintenance

Traffic calming signage, Henny Street

The LHP application form was ready to send apart from waiting for letters of support from residents. It was agreed for a flyer to be sent with the 'Lookout' magazine to Henny Street residents, with a deadline for response. The Clerk and Cllr Lyster will organise this.

Byway 10, Great Henny

Cllr Cracknell had spoken to the landowner about the drainage problem and reported that the landowner had said he would give consideration to work required.

Debris along centre of roads

Cllr Scattergood reported that Park Road had been swept but not scraped and that he had spread some salt along the road. Cllr Cracknell will scrape Park Road as soon as it has thawed.

Pot hole near Middleton Hall Farm

Cllr Symonds reported that the pot hole had increased in size; Highways will be notified.

To consider cleaning of road signs and realignment of Twinstead entrance/exit signs

Cllr Smart reported that the Twinstead signs need cleaning and one of the signs is loose. The Clerk will ask for the Highway Rangers to deal with this work.

54. 2016/17 Planning

Details of all planning applications and decisions were listed on Appendix B.

16/02127/FUL - Land between Wagon & Horses

Cllr Holland explained the planning history of the site. Cllrs considered that the PC's response to BDC had been planning policy relevant and that it was Government policy to support growth through building. BDC had raised sustainability issues and were recommending refusing the application. Cllrs raised the point that this site had previously been part of a car park and outbuildings and was therefore a Brownfield site. A further letter will be sent to BDC with our comments. Cllr Holland offered to speak at the BDC planning committee meeting to make representations in line with what the PC have agreed.

17/00008/TPO – Coach House Cottage, Twinstead

All Cllrs agreed that the PC support this application.

Wrights Farm – living accommodation

Cllr Symonds advised that a resident had brought to Middleton Cllrs' attention that there were people living in the old turkey sheds at Middleton Hall Farm; there was no evidence provided. It was agreed that the complainant should contact planning enforcement directly and that it was not the remit of the PC as this could be seen as a vexatious complaint.

Open Spaces Action Plan

There were no changes for our villages.

55. 2016/17 Correspondence Received/Matters for report

Byway 13

Cllr Symonds advised that although the Byway had been officially closed between November and April, there were still 2 wheel vehicles using the Byway, making it a danger to pedestrians and horse riders. It was suggested taking the registration number to send to the police and ECC.

NALC legal note re signage

Cllrs discussed the issue of having proportionate signage especially in relation to Twinstead Green. The PC's insurers had advised that adequate signage is needed especially where there is water.

Tree cutting – Twinstead Green

Cllr Holland reported on tree cutting by a resident and having contacted our insurers the PC were advised that any volunteer must have been authorised by the PC, the decision must have been minuted, a risk assessment must have been carried out, the volunteer must have correct equipment and skills necessary for the job. This information had also been advised by Cllr Smart in his capacity as a training advisor. It was agreed that Cllr Holland would approach a professional person in Twinstead who would have the necessary qualifications to do the work.

The member of public left the meeting.

56. 2016/17 Parish Council Finance - Appendix C

S137 donation to DV AONB & SVP

Cllr Holland proposed the PC make an S137 donation of £100 to DV AONB & SVP, 4 Cllrs were in favour, 1 against, resolution was passed.

Receipts & Payments

All payments listed were authorised to be paid.

57. 2016/17 Budget Forecast & Precept 2017/18

Cllrs considered the budget forecast; it was agreed to raise the Precept to £4,780 for 2017/18. The Precept form was signed.

58. 2016/17 Items for next agenda

Cllr Holland reminded that his term of Chair would soon finish and asked Cllr Symonds to give some thought to taking on the role of vice chair at the May meeting.

59. 2016/17 To fix the date of the next meeting

The next meeting date was agreed as Monday 13th March at Twinstead Village Hall.

The May meeting was agreed as Monday 15th May at Henny Parish Room.

The meeting closed at 10:00pm.